

# IN THE WOMAN'S WORLD

## Famous Woman Swimmer, Here From Coast, Talks on Sea-Sport

Mrs. John Desch, Winner of Bay Cities Carnival, Here for a Visit

"I would not give up my swimming for anything," said Mrs. John Desch of San Francisco to a Star-Bulletin reporter yesterday afternoon. "At one time I was a sufferer from colds and my friends advised me to give up my pet diversion, but I would not listen to them and since have found that swimming not only cured my colds, but I am much better physically." Mrs. Desch is well known in Honolulu, as she was formerly Miss Terie Dickson of this city. She also has a sister and brother here who know something about the art of swimming. Her sister Mrs. Paul was well known here as a long distance swimmer, but since her marriage has almost entirely given up her practicing; and her brother Mr. Calie Dickson is one of the prominent members of the Myrtle Boat Club, and is an enthusiast and aquatic sports. As yet Mrs. Desch has not visited Waikiki but she promises herself a good swim today and another on Sunday. When asked if there were any swimming clubs in San Francisco for girls she replied in the negative, for said she, "the girls are not willing to stick to it, and become discouraged if they cannot swim right away." This lady has known how to swim since she was seven years old but it is only within the last few years that she has come to the front. She says that it took her two years to perfect her stroke but the result of her work is worth it.

Mrs. Desch does most, or practically all of her swimming in the Lurline Baths, for the sea water is far too cold for most people. In reply to the question as to whether she had had any teacher she said, "No, I just picked it up myself, and whenever I met any one who had a particularly good stroke, I would ask them about it, and then practice it myself."

I was very anxious to hear about the time she swam the Golden Gate, but although she had confessed that she was accustomed to talking to the papers, she was really very modest about this wonderful feat. It seems that it had always been her ambition to do this, but the fears of her friends prevented her from trying it; they claimed that the water was too cold, and feared she would not be able to stand the strain. But after Walter Pomeroy made the gate she decided that she too would try it. She confessed that the water was hard to swim on account of being so very cold through the currents and quite warm in some places. The contrast of the cold and the heat was, to say the least, trying. She was very proud to say though, that the girls who entered the contest stood the cold far better than did the men.

Mrs. Desch was practically alone when she swam the Golden Gate, for while all of the contestants were accompanied by their trainers, hers, a man who wished to break the record made by Walter Pomeroy, left her alone, and when he had almost reached his destination, was taken out of the water with an injured knee.

"Much depends upon your wind, and on taking the stroke at the right time," said the lady when asked what swimming depended upon. At the present time her forte is the fifty and hundred-yard dash, but when she returns to the coast she expects to take up the 220 and 440, and later, if she feels that she can stand it, will try for the 88-yard, because, said she, there are many girls who try for the long distance and comparatively few



MRS. JOHN DESCH, FAMOUS SWIMMER.

who attempt to do the shorter dashes. Mrs. Desch hopes to be able to show the Honolulu girls, and boys, too, I believe, some of her fancy diving stunts, but these exhibitions will have to take place at one of the boat-houses, as there are no spring boards at the beach. "Having seen so many accidents, I do not try any very high diving. I used to do a little of it, but of late have only attempted the fourteen, sixteen and eighteen foot stunts, and I much prefer the spring board to the steady one."

Where many who had come before the public so often, would have told of their medals right away, Mrs. Desch had to—well, she had to be "pumped," and it was only after a friend had urged her to tell of them that she showed them to me. She holds four medals for swimming and a handsome cup for fancy diving. Of course the one that she is most proud of, is that for the Pacific Coast championship for the 50 and 100 yard dash, though she values highly the one taken at the recent water carnival at Santa Cruz, and the one taken at the Bay Cities carnival. She is very proud, too, of the cup she holds for fancy diving.

The costume in which Mrs. Desch has had her picture taken is not the one she wears at the bathing resorts although there is a great similarity between the two. This, she says, is her racing suit. "The bathing suits

worn by most women hinder the development of their muscles, for they do not give the arms any freedom, and they also retard the progress they try to make in swimming. A man's suit with the addition of a short skirt is far more comfortable, as it does not hold any water," said Mrs. Desch. She says that if girls do not care for the style of suit that she wears, the next best is one that has no bloomers, but instead a close-fitting man's suit and a light slip over it.

Mrs. Desch's advice to all women and girls is to take up swimming if they have not already done so and if they do know something about it to keep on practicing. She is very anxious to meet some girl on Re-atta Day, but has little hopes of doing so, for she has learned that there are very few, or I might say, almost no expert swimmers among the fairer sex here in Honolulu.

A meeting of the Central Improvement Committee has been called for tomorrow evening at 7:30 at the Merchants' Association rooms, Nos. 45 and 46, Alexander Young building. Business will be report of clean-up day, reports of standing committees and any other matter that may come up.

A young widow makes love to a man by making him make love to her.

## RECREATIONS

### BURROWS STRONG IN SPITE OF THE HEAT

Tom Burrows, who is trying to break his own world's record of 80 hours for continuous club swinging started his long grind yesterday afternoon at the Empire theatre, and at noon today was still twirling merrily, showing no signs of having already worked continuously for 20 hours at the task.

A large crowd was on hand last night to watch Burrows at work, he standing at one side of the curtain on a specially constructed platform while the motion pictures were on. He gave a short talk on physical culture and club swinging, and explained the conditions of the present contest.

"It was more than warm on the stage at noon today, but Burrows didn't seem much distressed by the conditions. A couple of electric fans kept the air moving, and Burrows looked fit and fair; fresh.

"It's a good deal hotter than when I made the record in Australia," he said, "but there's one good thing about heat, and that is that it keeps one supple, and things seem to go easier. Of course, I can't tell just how it's going to affect me in the long run, but I am pretty fresh after nearly a day of it. I feel as strong as I ever did in my life, and I believe I'm going to get through with it, and keep the game up for more than the 80 hours required."

During the day a number of persons interested in the feat dropped in at the Empire, chatted with Burrows, and subscribed their name in the witness book. As the test progresses, interest is bound to increase.

### HEN WISE'S TIPS ON SEEING THE THEATERS

Hen Wise says: "You have certainly got to hand it to the little theatre called the Independent—only the place is too small to accommodate the patrons that try to squeeze into its auditorium, especially when the Mayor of Kaikaka (Hen Wise) appears on the diminutive stage. They just crush each other for entrance room, and it is a pity that the place is so small; but I am predicting a jump to a larger theatre for the Old War Horse (Hen) in the near future for he has certainly demonstrated the people want to see Katie and Hen in Honolulu and never tire of seeing them. Why? Because they can change and do change their acts to suit the public who go to enjoy themselves and have a hearty laugh. I think that the public fully intends to support the king of fools and his pretty wife in their new venture, so I advise you to get the go-to-the Independent habit, and see Hen-Katie and the pictures."

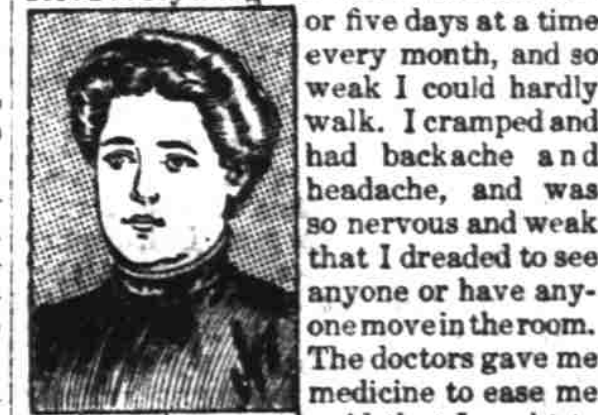
### POLLARDS TO PUT ON TOY-MAKER TONIGHT

Tonight the Pollard Opera Company will put on "The Toymaker" at the Bijou and as this opera has been a great favorite in the past with Honolulu audiences, a good house should be put on in one act of two scenes, including the best numbers of the opera. There will be two shows nightly at 7:15 and 8:45, and the prices will be 10, 20 and 30 cents, no reserved seats. "The Toymaker" will run tonight, Friday and Saturday, with the usual matinee at 2:15.

## WOMEN SHOULD BE PROTECTED

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